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**Maintenance of my Patent US 7,080,056 B1**

Title of Invention: Automatic-Programming

Date of Patent: Jul. 18, 2006

Filing-Date: 11/02/2000

Customer-No.: 28162

**I don't have the money to pay the patent maintenance fee & late payment surcharge**

*Dear Commissioner for Patents,*

I'm still living from social welfare (*now named „Arbeitslosengeld II“*), and since one year I tried all to get the money to pay the patent maintenance fee.

On 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 I received your *MAINTENANCE FEE REMINDER* from 22. Feb. 2010, but my efforts to get the *490 \$ maintenance fee plus 65 \$ late payment surcharge* (total 555 \$) had no success.

I want to maintain my patent, but the last 2 years I didn't have had the money to pay the maintenance fee.

Two complaints are here running on courts, and when one of both would have success, I'd have the money to pay the maintenance fee (plus surcharges).

Then I'll make a petition according to 37 CFR 1.378 and transmit the money to you.

But I do not understand, why someone, who isn't able to pay the maintenance fee once,

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then should pay the fee 2½ times:

My download of Title 37 C.F.R. sais in § 1.20 (i) (1) „700 \$“, independent of the year of maintenance (4, 8 or 12), and independent of being *small entity*.

And my download was, when the maintenance fee was 465 \$.

Now the price in § 1.20 (i) (1) surely won't have become cheaper.

Does small entity really will have to pay -*additionally* to the maintenance fee- 700 \$ or more after *-in cause of poverty-* unavoidable exceeded time for payment of the maintenance fee ?

  
Gerd Krämer

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